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For: **MACROPOROUS MEDIA FOR BIOLOGICAL APPLICATION**

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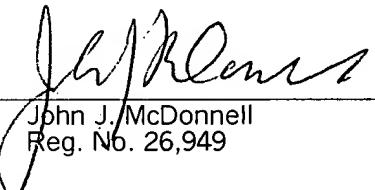
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 - a. Information Disclosure Statement
 - b. Form PTO-1449;
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. Section 1.97 - 1.99, the Applicants wish to make the following references listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449 of record in the above-identified application. This Information Disclosure Statement is in compliance with the continuing duty of candor as set forth in 37 C.F.R. Section 1.56.

- 1 Khrapko, et al., U.S. Patent 5,552,270, issued September 3, 1996.
- 2 Chetverin, et al., U.S. Patent 5,616,478, issued April 1, 1997.
- 3 Conrad, et al., U.S. Patent 5,736,257, issued April 7, 1998.

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Copies of the references cited on the Form PTO-1449 are enclosed.

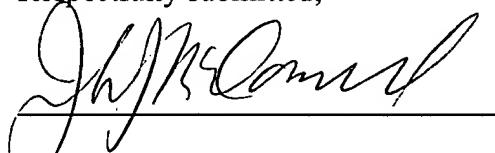
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